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(U) Los Angeles – Two New Cases of Measles Reported in LA County

(U) Two more confirmed cases of measles were reported in Los Angeles County and others may have been exposed at public locations in the city, according to authorities. The LA County Department of Public Health reported it was assessing two residents' measles cases that recently traveled and became ill shortly after returning home. In all, 10 measles cases have been reported among residents in LA County this year, officials said. An additional eight cases of non-residents traveling through the county have been reported. The two new cases were not linked to each other and both patients were likely exposed to measles outside of the country, officials said.

SOURCE: 22 June 2019, [Daily News](#)

(U) San Diego – Number of Seized Hash Oil Labs Increasing

(U) A secret hash oil-producing lab that recently exploded and seriously burned three people was the 12th such illicit operation discovered in San Diego County in the first 18 weeks of 2019, according to police. Hash oil is produced by using flammable materials, such as butane, to strip the psychoactive THC from marijuana into a highly potent, waxy concentrate known commonly as hash oil or honey oil. DEA agents and federal prosecutors say hash oil labs only began popping up in large numbers across San Diego County in 2013, but since the state legalized recreational marijuana, the demand for extracts has skyrocketed and the labs have become significantly more sophisticated.

SOURCE: 24 June 2019, [San Diego Union Tribune](#)

(U) Vista – Drug Rehab Counselor Charged with Murder in Sailor's Fentanyl Overdose Death

(U) Two years after a Navy man died from an overdose said to be linked to fentanyl-laced pills, local authorities have charged Summer Deanne Martin, 35, and a drug rehab specialist, with murder, accusing her of being a supplier in a chain that made the potent drug available to the sailor. At the center of Martin's case are counterfeit pills that often resemble prescription oxycodone but instead contain fentanyl, a synthetic opioid that can turn fatal even in small doses. Martin's case marks just the second time the District Attorney's Office has brought murder charges arising from the alleged sale of fentanyl linked to overdose deaths.

SOURCE: 22 June 2019, [Herald Mail Media](#)

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(U) Alabama – Inmates Plan to Bomb Courthouse

(U) Jasper – The Walker County Sheriff's Office says it has broken up a plan by two jail inmates to detonate bombs inside the courthouse killing members of the sheriff's department and court system. "The plot involved two inmates – who had given themselves the code names 'Pinky & The Brain' – working together to create several ammonium nitrate fuel oil (ANFO) bombs," according to the sheriff's office. The plan was for one of the men to bond out of jail, gather the items needed for the bombs and "instructions on how to create the devices," the sheriff's office said. The primary targets were four sheriff's department commanders and investigators, Walker County judges, and the district attorney.

SOURCE: 22 June 2019, [AL News](#)

(U) Kentucky – Drug Investigation Yields More than 20 Indictments, Fentanyl, and Guns

(U) Dayton – Fentanyl in both powder and pill form, meth, cocaine, other drugs, and firearms were seized with more than 20 people were indicted after a six-month investigation into drug trafficking in Dayton, Kentucky. Dayton does not have major drug dealers, but users often travel to Covington or Cincinnati for drugs and sell amongst themselves, according to city officials. The 289 pills made from illicit fentanyl seized were disguised and sold as the prescription pain killer Percocet. Additionally, police seized a pill press used to manufacture the counterfeit Percocet.

SOURCE: 23 June 2019, [Courier-Journal](#)

(U) Pennsylvania – Man Held for Trial on Terrorism Charges

(U) Pittsburgh – Mustafa Mousab Alowemer, 21, a Syrian refugee who came to the US three years ago and graduated from a local high school was held for trial on federal charges Friday of providing material support to the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS), and of distributing plans to make bombs to attack a church on the Pittsburgh's North Side. An FBI agent testified that Alowemer sent an undercover team a video of himself wearing a mask and pledging his allegiance to ISIS, as well as an internet video glorifying a vehicle being blown up by a grenade launcher. The agent also testified that the terror plan was Alowemer's "from beginning to end."

SOURCE: 21 June 2019, [WTAE News](#)

(U) Massachusetts – Man Pleads Guilty to US-Mexico Cocaine Smuggling

(U) Boston – Lawon Baulkman, 37, admitted to his part of an international movement of cocaine from Mexico to the Springfield, Massachusetts area by pleading guilty to a single count of conspiracy to distribute 500-grams or more of cocaine. According to prosecutors, Baulkman and co-defendant David Cruz, purchased cocaine in bulk from sources in Mexico then arranged to have the drugs brought to the US in vehicles modified to conceal the hidden cocaine.

SOURCE: 22 June 2019, [Mass Live](#)

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(U) Iran – Iran Cautioned it will Respond 'Firmly' to US Aggression

(U) Tehran – Iran cautioned Saturday that it will “firmly” respond to any aggression or threat by the US, a warning that comes after President Trump aborted a military attack, while a US cyber team carried out a retaliatory digital strike against the regime. State Department officials also decried “pure Iranian propaganda” reports, based solely on the Iranians’ comments, which claim Trump warned Tehran in a message through Oman that a US attack on Iran was imminent. But while the military air strike was called off, US Cyber Command launched a digital strike against an Iranian spy group on Thursday, according to media reports. The spy group is close to the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps, a terrorist-designated entity, and reportedly supported the limpet mine attacks on two oil tankers in the Strait of Hormuz.

SOURCE: 23 June 2019, [Fox News](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Forensic Firm Used by Police Targeted in Cyber Attack

(U) London – A criminal probe has been launched into a cyber-attack on one of the main scientific firms used by police in Great Britain to carry out forensic work. Eurofins Scientific, which has laboratories around the world, was targeted by a ransomware attack over the weekend of 1 – 2 June, the company said in a statement. The attack affected the IT systems of the company’s forensics subsidiary, which is based in the UK and one of the main forensic service providers to UK policing. As a result of the

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ransomware attack against Eurofins Scientific, police have temporarily suspended all law enforcement submissions to their forensic science subsidiary.

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